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AMENDMENTS TO LB 1023

1                   1. Insert the following new sections:

2                   "Sec. 4. The Water Policy Task Force shall select an  
3 executive committee. The executive committee shall consist of  
4 three representatives from irrigation interests; one representative  
5 from an agricultural organization; one representative from an  
6 environmental organization; one representative from a recreational  
7 organization; one representative of the state at large; one  
8 representative of natural resources districts; one representative  
9 of the Nebraska Power Association; one representative of  
10 municipalities; one representative of the Department of Natural  
11 Resources; one representative of the Attorney General's office; and  
12 the chairperson and vice chairperson of the Natural Resources  
13 Committee of the Legislature. Each executive committee member  
14 shall be responsible for representing the rest of his or her  
15 interest group on the executive committee. The executive committee  
16 shall be responsible for developing the operating rules of the task  
17 force and for developing proposals and recommendations to be  
18 considered by the entire task force.

19                   Sec. 5. The Water Policy Task Force shall meet at least  
20 four times each year to consider the proposals and recommendations  
21 of the executive committee and any other additional times as the  
22 executive committee determines to be necessary to accomplish the  
23 objectives established in section 1 of this act.".

24                   2. On page 2, strike beginning with the comma in line 4

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1 through "rights" in line 6 and insert ". The issues to be examined  
2 are: (1) A review of Laws 1996, LB 108, to determine what, if any,  
3 changes are needed to adequately address Nebraska's conjunctive use  
4 management issues; (2) an evaluation of the utility of allowing  
5 temporary water transfers and, if deemed useful, development of  
6 draft legislation and procedures for authorizing and implementing a  
7 temporary water transfer law; (3) an evaluation of the utility of  
8 authorizing additional types of permanent water transfers and, if  
9 deemed useful, development of draft legislation and procedures for  
10 authorizing and implementing additional types of permanent water  
11 transfers; (4) a determination as to the usefulness of water  
12 leasing or transfers and development of a potential water banking  
13 system that would facilitate the temporary or permanent transfer of  
14 water uses; and (5) a determination as to what other ways, if any,  
15 inequities between surface water users and ground water users need  
16 to be addressed and potential actions the state could take to  
17 address any such inequities"; in line 9 after the second period  
18 insert "(1)"; strike beginning with "One" in line 10 through  
19 "Municipalities" in line 19 and insert "(a) Twenty irrigators, with  
20 at least one irrigator from each of the state's thirteen river  
21 basins, giving consideration to maintaining a balance between  
22 surface water users and ground water users. Three irrigators shall  
23 be selected from the Republican River Basin, two irrigators shall  
24 be selected from the North Platte River Basin, two irrigators shall  
25 be selected from the middle Platte River Basin, two irrigators  
26 shall be selected from the Loup River Basin, two irrigators shall  
27 be selected from the Elkhorn River Basin, two irrigators shall be

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1 selected from the Big Blue River Basin, one irrigator shall be  
2 selected from the South Platte River Basin, one irrigator shall be  
3 selected from the lower Platte River Basin, one irrigator shall be  
4 selected from the Little Blue River Basin, one irrigator shall be  
5 selected from the Nemaha River Basin, one irrigator shall be  
6 selected from the Niobrara River Basin, one irrigator shall be  
7 selected from the White Hat River Basin, and one irrigator shall be  
8 selected from the Missouri tributaries basin; (b) three  
9 representatives from differing agricultural organizations; (c)  
10 three representatives from differing environmental organizations;  
11 (d) two representatives from differing recreational organizations;  
12 (e) three representatives to represent the state at large; (f) five  
13 representatives suggested for the Governor's consideration by the  
14 Nebraska Association of Resources Districts; (g) four  
15 representatives suggested for the Governor's consideration by the  
16 Nebraska Power Association; and (h) five representatives suggested  
17 for the Governor's consideration by the League of Nebraska  
18 Municipalities, with consideration given to maintaining a balance  
19 between larger and smaller municipalities"; in line 19 after "and"  
20 insert "(i)"; in line 23 before "Additional" insert "(2)"; and  
21 strike beginning with "a" in line 23 through line 28 and insert "  
22 (a) One representative from the Department of Natural Resources to  
23 coordinate as appropriate with other state agencies; (b) one  
24 representative from the Attorney General's office; (c) the  
25 chairperson of the Natural Resources Committee of the Legislature;  
26 and (d) the vice chairperson of the Natural Resources Committee of  
27 the Legislature. Other members of the Natural Resources Committee

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1 of the Legislature may participate as desired.".

2 3. On page 3, strike lines 1 through 3; and in line 22

3 strike "appointed" and insert "selected".

4 4. Renumber the remaining sections accordingly.